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California's 51st District Congressman Bob Filner (fourth from left) enjoys the company of his staff members during his 61st birthday celebration at Friendship Park in Chula Vista. The well-wishers are (from left) Erin Koch, Al Alvarado, John Achuff, Inez Gonzalez, Nora May, Mario Lopez, Laura Alvarez, Willie Blair, Dana Arellano, and Manny Doria.

Congressman Bob Filner receives diversity award

The Diversity Group, a San Diego organization that connects employers with job seekers, announced that they have awarded Congressman Bob Filner with their first annual Diversity Award.

"Congressman Filner truly understands that diversity equals strength," said Oran Brown, president of the organization. "He has demonstrated his commitment to diversity in his exemplary record of public service, by hiring a diverse staff in his own office, and by always speaking out in support of diversity."

"Throughout my life, diversity has meant a great deal to me," said Congressman Filner. "I am honored to receive this award. And I congratulate The Diversity Group on its efforts – bringing San Diego employers together with job seekers is essential to improving the quality of life in our community."

Congressman Filner received the award for his commitment to diversity and equal opportunity in employment, and for his commitment to overall diversity in the community.